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TAGS: PINT EG  
SUBJECT: STATE OF IKHWAN  
REFS: (A) CAIRO 16968 (NOTAL), (B) ALEXANDRIA 566 (NOTAL),  
- (C) CAIRO 16765 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IKHWANI SPOKESMAN ATTACKS U.S. MORALS AND SOVIET  
ATHEISM. BOTH LAMBASTED FOR SUPPORTING ISRAEL.  
DENIED FORMAL LINK BETWEEN IKHWAN AND ISLLMIC SOCIETIES  
BUT ADMITTED LATTER TAKE "GUIDANCE" FROM IKHWAN.  
ISLAMIC SUMMER CAMPS TERMED LEGAL, LAUDATORY ENDEAVORS  
WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL CLASSES RESUME IN FALL.  
CAIRO CAMP REMAINS ACTIVE, WITH POLICE MONITORING BUT NOT  
INTERFERING. SPOKESMAN NOFES IKHWAA HAS PETITIONED SADAT  
TO RESUME FULLY ITS ACTIVITIES BUT HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY.  
ADMITTED IKHWAN OPPOSES SADAA ON PEACE PROCESS AND DOMESS  
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TIC ISSUES BUT INSISTED ORGANIZATION POSES NO THREAT TO  
GOVERNMENT' END SUMMARY.

1. UNITED STATES' MORALS. EMBOFF'S JULY 17 CONVER-  
SATION WITH OMAR TALMACANI, MANAGING EDITOR OF IKHWANI  
MOUTHPIECE AL DAWA, INDICATES ORGANIZATION FLOURISHING  
FINANCIALLY AND OTHERWISE. TAKING LEAD FROM RECENT

ARTICLE (REF C), TALMACANI LECTURED EMBOFF ON MORAL DECAY NONETHELESS, CONTINUED MAINTAIN U.S. MORALLY CORRUPT AND MUST REFORM ITSELF.

2. USSR. TALMACANI REPEATED IKHWANI LINE THAT BOTH U.S. AND USSR SUPPORT ISRAEL. NEVERTHELESS, STATED IKHWAN PREFERS AMERICA TO SOVIET UNION SINCE LATTER SEEKS UNDERMINE ARAB SOCIETY THROUGH EXPORT OF ATHEISTIC DOCTRINE. TALMACANI URGED USG CONFRONT SOVIETS IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST STRONGLY AND DIRECTLY. EXPRESSED PARTICULAR ALARM OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND YEMENS.

3. UNIVERSITIES. TALMACANI DENIED ANY FORMAL LINK BETWEEN IKHWAN AND CAMPUS-BASED ISLAMIC SOCIETIES. HOWEVER, SAID RELATIONSHIP CLOSE AND SOCIETIES TAKE "GUIDANCE" FROM AL DAWA. TALMACANI CLAIMED ISLAMIC SOCIETIES "TRADITIONALLY" HAVE RUN SUMMER CAMPS THROUGHOUT EGYPT AND SAID THESE ARE LEGAL, LAUDATORY ENDEAVORS. FOR "SECURITY REASONS" CAIRO AUTHORITIES REFUSED ALLOW SOCIETIES CONDUCT CAMP ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND STUDENTS THEREFORE REPAIRED TO NEARBY MOSQUE WHERE THEY WILL REMAIN UNTIL CLASSES RESUME IN FALL. (COMMENT: REFS A AND B REPORT ON "CAMPS" IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA. CAIRO GROUP CONTINUES ACTIVITIES, PASSING OUT PROPAGANDA TRACTS TO ALL INTERESTED. RIOT POLICE LOCATED NEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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MOSQUE HAVE MADE NO EFFORT DISLODGE STUDENTS.)

4. IKHWAN. TALMACANI SAID (UNNAMED) BROTHERS HAVE PETITIONED SSDAT TO ALLOW IKHWAN FULLY RESUME ITS ACTIVITIES. SAID ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT STATUS UNCLEAR, ITS LEADERSHIP DIFFUSED, AND EFFECTIVENESS CURTAILED. SADAT HAS NOT REPLIED TO PETITION. TALMACANI CLAIMED EGYPT IS ONLY ARAB COUNTRY WHICH DOES NOT PERMIT IKHWAN FULL LEGAL STATUS.

5. OPPOSITION TO SADAT. TALMACANI AGREED IKHWAN ' FREQUENTLY OPPOSES SADAT BOTH ON PEACE PROCESS AND ON DOMESTIC ISSUES. ON FORMER, IKHWAN WANTS SECULAR SOLUTION WITH JEWS, MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS LIVING TOGETHER PEACEFULLY IN PALESTINE--AS "MUSLIMS AND COPTS DO IN EGYPT." CLAIMED SADAT RECOGNIZES THAT IKHWANI OPPOSITION "MATTER OF CONSCIENCE" AND THUS BROTHERS WILL NOT CHANGE COURSE, REGARDLESS OF GOVERNMENT PRESSURE. TALMACANI INSISTED IKHWAN POSES NO THREAT TO GOVERNMENT AND HAS NO INTENTION OF PLOTTING COUP--"OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT."

6. COMMENT: ABOVE CONVERSATION MAY BE PLAYED BACK

IN NEXT EDITION OF AL DAWA. TALMACANI TAPED ENTIRE  
SESSION AND IT WAS MONITORED BY SAUDI INTRODUCED ONLY  
AS "YOUSSUF." TALMACANI APPEARED DEFER TO YOUSSUF  
ON MOST ISSUES. FULL MEMCON POUCHED NEA/EGY. SCARRITT

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